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To Whom it May Concern:

I have known the late Harry Snow and his family for 30 years. Harry was a very good man. He has been an honest and upstanding man all his life; a handshake was his word.

I went and saw Harry at Tampa General Hospital approximately 4 times. He was very weak when I saw him. One day I picked him up from his bed to help change his underwear. His body had dwindled to nothing and his legs were deteriorated. I told my wife that he was dying.

Harry wanted to come home, but was convinced by a doctor to stay.

Mrs. Snow wanted to speak with Dr. Assad, the radiologist, about the radiation. I went with her. Dr. Assad stated that Harry needed the radiation and that there was nothing to worry about. Then he said, "I consider myself the best."

We can not figure out why Harry was transferred from Bayonet Point to Tampa General and not sent directly home.

At Tampa General, many of the rooms on the floor were empty. The place was a mess. The window in Harry's room was packed full of medical supplies and the place was very unkept. A patient next to Harry had left; the bed was left dirty as it was still unchanged when we came the following visit.

Every time that we would go to visit with Harry, Mrs. Snow would ask the nurses for Dr. Lucy Love. She was paged repeatedly, and would not show up. Mrs. Snow left notes, at the nursing station, for Dr. Love. Yet none of us saw Dr. Love until the day Harry was discharged.

On May 6, 1994, the day of his release at Tampa General, Dr. Love and another staff member came into Harry's room. They stood there looking at Harry for a few moments, not doing any examination, not saying anything and then left the room. A nurse gave Mrs. Snow a box containing a raised plastic toilet seat.

Harry had to be taken home by ambulance as he was in severe pain. That evening I saw a fire truck go to their house. The fire department had to be called in to lift Harry from his living room chair to a wheelchair and then brought to bed as he could not put any weight on his legs.

My wife and I prayed for the Snow family. We were all saddened by the unnecessary suffering that Harry had been put through and the effect on his family. On May 15, 1994 our dear friend passed on.

I have seen many hospitals, none can compete with the horrible treatment that Harry received at Tampa General. Something has to be done about this. My wife and I wondered what would motivate a hospital staff to be so cruel and uncaring other than the fact that they are getting paid for it by Medicare. Harry should have been sent home to die in peace.

Sincerely,

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